

**CITY OF DEXTER
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 6:31pm via Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Arab – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Willoughby – Present remotely in Scio Township, MI
Arbour – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Babcock – Present remotely in Dexter Township, MI
Bellas – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Briggs – Present remotely in City of Ann Arbor, MI
Davis – Present remotely in Scio Township, MI
Giltner – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI

Committee Members Absent: Adair and Fisher

Student Reps Present:

Marsh – Present remotely in Dexter Township, MI

Student Representatives Absent: Needham

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Bellas; Second by Arbour to approve the minutes from May 5, 2021 as presented with the following corrections:

- Correct the location of Davis to Scio township; and
- Remove Needham from list of members present.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Arbour; Second by Willoughby to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

REPORTS

A. CHAIR

Chair Arab referenced her written report and stated that items would be discussed during the agenda.

B. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported on the following items:

- Letting the Art Selection Committee about the final sculptures
- State of Emergency
- The Committee discussed starting in-person meetings in September and cancelling the August meeting.

Motion by Briggs, support by Bellas to recommend to City Council to move to in-person meetings starting in September

- For those that are vaccinated

Ayes: Willoughby, Arbour, Bellas, Briggs, Davis, Giltner, Babcock, Arab

Nays: None

C. CITY COUNCIL

None

D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

E. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to on-going joint projects with the Downtown Development Authority:

- Rich Bellas reported that the DDA approved the budget for the flower boxes. Discussion included:
 - Who would be responsible for flower box maintenance - Girl Scouts, National Honors Society community service?
 - Scarecrows and banners as additional options for covering the barricades
 - Beer Grotto pallets
- Alleyway by the Bakery – project moving forward
 - Some limited storage space below 8140 Main St.
 - Purchase of the furniture by the Bakery

B. DISCUSSION OF: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Bicentennial Celebration:

- Chair Arab reported that the Bicentennial group met on May 6th. The group includes members of ACH, the Dexter Chamber, and the Dexter Historical Society.
- The group is scheduled to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Created an e-mail address to share with the Community: Dexter200years@gmail.com
- Dexter Guardian indicated a desire to have an active role with the Committee

- Phil Arbour expressed an interest in adding Dexter businesses and families that have lived in the community for a long time to the group
- Additional activity ideas:
 - Dexter Community Players would like to do something related to the Bicentennial
 - Bicentennial bucks (special money)
 - Commissioning a sculpture

C. DISCUSSION OF: PAINT DEXTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival:

- Have people call or visit the City Office to make purchases
- Meredith Giltner to be the Champion for Paint Dexter

D. CONSIDERATION OF: REVIEW OF ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to arts, culture, and heritage projects:

- Slams & S'Mores
 - Cross pollination with Apple Daze – possible that Apple Daze could leave-up audio equipment
 - Need to advertise, so we would need to make a decision in July
 - Abby Briggs to serve as project Champion
- We Love Dexter
 - Find a Champion in July
 - Goal to have everything up in February
- Katherine Dexter McCormick
 - \$25 - \$35,000, mostly funded by grants
 - Phil Arbour and Meredith Giltner to potentially assist with grant writing
 - Committee to gather information to work towards a project
 - Talk to Scott Munzel about the Katherine Dexter McCormick project

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None

ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willoughby, second by Arbour to adjourn at 8:21pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
Interim City Manager and City Clerk